THE BETHLEHEM STAR

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church 418 8th Avenue Northeast Brainerd, MN 56401

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WORSHIP TIMES

In-person worship:
In-person and livestreamed:
Sundays at 9:00 am
with communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open on Mondays—Fridays from 9:00 am—12:00 pm and Mondays—Thursdays from 1:00—4:00 pm.

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mark Skinner

Children, Youth & Family Pastor: Rev. Sarah Marshall Office Administrator, Worship Team Director and

Organist: Cori Wrobel
Bell Choir Director: Stacy Erdal
Senior Choir Director: Al Albertson
Youth Choir Director: Nancy Albertson
Financial Administrator: Shelly Johnson
Children, Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator:

Joan Rosenow

Food Services Coordinators: Clarence and Kim Spencer

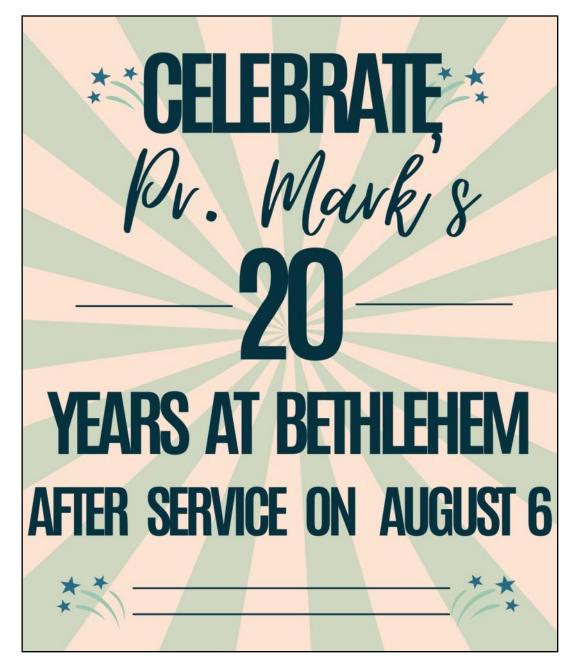
IT Coordinator: Scott Pederson

Custodial Services: Rob Larson and Laura Kory



From the Senior Pastor





From the Children, Youth and Family Pastor

Vacation Bible School at Trinity Lutheran Church
For kids age 4 through Grade 5
July 24 - 28 9:00 a.m. - noon

Registration fee: \$20 per child Early Bird Discount: \$5 discount per child if

registered by July 1. Each family with registration returned and fees paid by July 1 will receive a CD with the VBS music. Registration forms are on the Narthex table or can be emailed to vou.

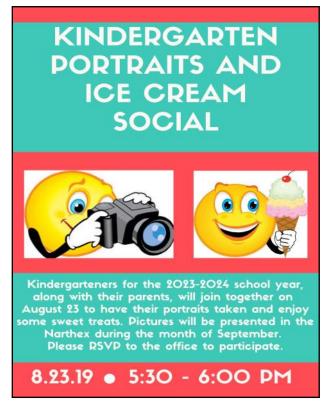






The 2024
high school
mission trip
participants
will be having
a rummage
sale on
September
23.











June, July, and August Funeral Service Groups

Cheryl and Jeff Nichols Jon and Margaret Steblay Greg and Sue Wiger

Carly and Patrick Almond Bill and Cheryl Bailey Vicky Bonde Gary and Sharon Braun Eric and Sasha Burgstaler Jerry and Krystal DeChaine Barb DePaoli Linda Ekstrum Stacy Erdal Dylan and Emily Ferrari Tori Fleishhacker/Eric W. Jackie and Terry Forsberg Mike and Wendy Gindorff Cassandra Girling Becky and Stephan Gorny Bev Gotti Kelly and Marty Gubrud Terri Hanson

Coordinators:

Assistants:

Kristi and Ron Holloway
Dustin Johnson/Rebecca O.
Kent Johnson III
Dave and Tanya Johnston
Katelyn Jones
Logan Jones
Ken and Marcie Kemboi
Brenda Klinger
Marlene Kossila
Norma and Ted Kotyk
Beth and Rob Larson
Syd and Lori Larson
Dylan Lee
Jen and Joe Lindholm
Terry and Wanda Lundeby

Karen and Steve Rosenow Bruce and Cyndy Thompson

Jessica and Nate Macejkovic
Becky and Dave Meyer
Allison Moyer-Taylor
Harold Munsch
Dave and Faye Nelson
Marie and Tom Numedahl
Todd and Tonya Person
Carl and Solvejg Seamon
Dave and Sheila Skogen
Carla and Scott Stall
Denise and Duane Stange
Deb Steuck
Gene and Lynn Teufert
Kay Theien
Michelle Tollefson



CREATION CARE

Minnesota's new omnibus environment and natural resources bill is devoting some \$1.6 billion over the next two years into clean energy, the environment, climate change, invasive species prevention, wildlife habitat, parks, fisheries and outdoor recreation - the largest investment in state history, according to John Myers, Duluth News Tribune reporter on the outdoors, natural resources and the environment (jmyers@duluthnews.com). Programs receiving the new bill's natural resources funding are administered by the MPCA, DNR, BWSR, and other agencies dealing with issues like climate change, protecting pollinators, managing the spread of emerald ash borer, conservation easements to protect sensitive soil, prevent erosion, save wetlands and capture carbon, and keeping cancer-causing PFAS ("forever chemicals") out of the environment. Minnesotans love their outdoors, and will benefit from the new bill expanding and enhancing boat landings and shore fishing piers across the state, as well as upgraded fish hatcheries, stream stabilization and restoration efforts, and projects to combat the spread of AIS (aquatic invasive species).

Source: http://www.nemnsynod.org/green-tips.html5

Looking ahead...

- *August 6 at 10:00 am—Celebration of Pr. Mark's 20 years at Bethlehem
- *August 9—Joint ELCA picnic and outdoor worship at Lymon P. White Park; food served at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:15 pm
- *August 22—Summer Youth Groups at Trinity: 5:30 pm Middle School; 7:00 pm High School
- *August 23 at 5:30 pm—Kindergarten ice cream social



If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office at 829-3330 or office@belcnet.net. Prayers will be kept on the chain for 3 weeks. If you'd like it to be kept on for longer, please let the office know. If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 829-3330.

Please keep these people in your prayers:

<u>Ongoing:</u> Lynn Kalahar; a BELC member; Dawn True; Linda Wilcox; Pat True; Oliver Wiger; Norman Theien; Barb Neprud; BELC member; Barbara Howard; Kacey Benson; BELC member; Joan Rosenow; for peace in our world; all who are grieving; all caregivers; everyone dealing with cancer /other diseases

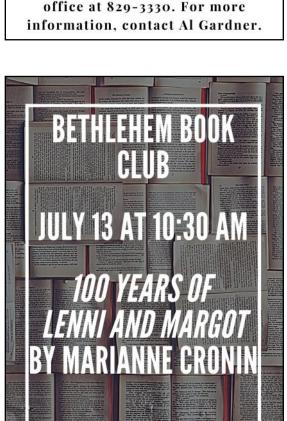
Military: Nick Schwab in Navy; Danny Smith in Air Force

If you check into the hospital, please call the Church Office at 829-3330 or let the Chaplain know you are from Bethlehem Lutheran Church so we can pray for you.

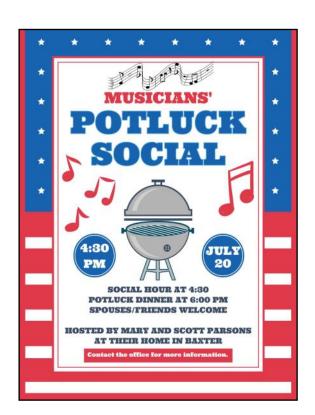
Please keep the following Bethlehem households in your thoughts and prayer this month of July: Elsie and Mike Stanek and family; Denise and Duane Stange; Jon and Margaret Steblay; Doris Stengel; Deb Steuck; Pam Stock and family; Jerome and Margie Streich; Jackie Stromback; Derek Sweet; Carlie Sweet; Nancy and Rick Sweet; Karen Tengwall; Gene and Lynn Teufert; De Etta Theien; Kay Theien; Anna and Jake Thesing and family; Bruce and Cyndy Thompson; Kathy Thomson; Michelle Tollefson and family; Alyssa Towle and family; Pat True; Tammy True and family; John and Ruth Unger and family; Dawn and Steve Verdon; Amy and Dan Vleck; Tyler Vork; Betty Vosberg; Joyce Wagner; Craig and Tricia Warner; Bruce and Kelli Weaver; Alyssa Weigelt and family; Chris Wiger; Greg and Sue Wiger and family; Heidi Woerheide; Kris Wyman; Doris Aasen; Janey Adair; Bret Adams and family; Al and Nancy Albertson; LeRoy and Linda Albertson; Carly and Patrick Almond and family



Meet once a month on a Saturday from 9:00 - 11:30 am to work on small projects around the building. To sign up, go to our website www.belcnet.net or contact the office at 829-3330. For more information, contact Al Gardner.









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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday		
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 2	3	Happy 4 th of July!	4	
g:oo am– In-person and livestreamed worship service with communion	Office closed	Office closed * happy * 1 the off * 1 yelly * 1		1:30 [
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	10		11	
9:00 am – In-person and livestreamed BOW service with baptism	4:00 pm – BELC at the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen	9:00 am – Summer Stretch		9:00 a meet 5:30 p 6:20 p

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am-In-person and livestreamed service with

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

communion

High School Mission Trip in Idaho; please

10:00 am - Ruth Circle

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1:00 p

1:30 p 5:30 p

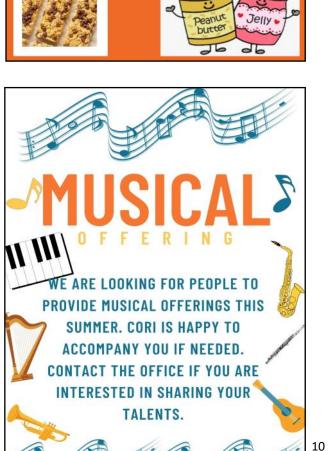
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g:oo am— In-person and livestreamed worship service		5:00 pm – Creation Care Team meeting	7:30 am – Men's bible study 10:00 am – Stephen Ministry meeting Summer Youth Groups AT TRINITY: 5:30 pm – Middle School 7:00 pm – High School	9:00 a
			VBS at Trinity each	h morn
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	30	31	1	
9:00 am– In-person and livestreamed worship service		Offsite meeting this afternoon; office closed from 12:00 – 4:00 pm		1:30 p 5:30 p

To view our online services on Sundays at 9:00 am, go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKGd23TW4V1mlqCsktOho3q The service will also be posted on our website at www.belcnet.net upon completion of the service.

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8
n – Woodland worship service	9:00 am – Summer Stretch 5:30 pm – BOW Team Rehearsal 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts	11:00 am – Funeral for Jim Daly	g:oo am – Worker Bees
m – BELC and Trinity joint staff ig n – Joint ELCA picnic at BELC n – Outdoor worship service at BELC OUTDOOR WORSHIP	g:oo am – Edgewood Brainerd worship service g:oo am and 3:oo pm – LSS staff meeting 10:15 am – Edgewood Baxter worship service 1:oo pm – Executive Team meeting 1:oo pm – History and Archives Team meeting 6:oo pm – Girl Scouts High School Mission Tri	14	15
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n – Martha Circle n – Woodland worship service n – BOW Team rehearsal pray for a safe trip	4:30 pm – Musicians' get together at Parsons' 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts		
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n – LSS	6:00 pm – Girl Scouts		
ng from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm; volunt	eers needed		
2	3	4	5
n – Woodland worship service n – BOW Team rehearsal	9:00 am – Edgewood Brainerd worship service 10:15 am – Edgewood Baxter worship service 6:00 pm – Girl Scouts		











REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE



WE ACCEPT:

furniture, doors, cabinets, appliances, lumber, plumbing, flooring, windows, building supplies, and more...

Donations can be dropped off:

Monday / Tuesday 10:00 - 4:00

Wednesday / Thursday / Friday 9:30 - 4:00

Saturday 9:30 - 2:00

Do arrange a pick-up of your donations,

Help support Habitat's mission.

Cash donations are always accepted.

Make checks payable to: Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity

Send to: PO Box 234, Brainerd, MN 56401













Thank you!

Thank you for your generous support of \$148.81 for the life-changing experiences campers discover at Camp Knutson. From children affected by cancer to youth experiencing homelessness to people on the autism spectrum, your generosity makes it possible for Camp Knutson to provide a welcoming, supportive environment for campers with identified needs. With gratitude, Jesse M. Stremcha, Vice President of Development





January—May 2023 Financial update
Total Revenue \$190,465 (includes
\$22,667 shared ministry income from
Trinity)

Total Expenses \$196,843

Net Income loss of \$5,999 (without shared ministry income from Trinity we would have a loss of \$22,974.38)

If you have questions, please contact a member of the Board of Stewardship and Properties.







Please keep these people in your prayers on their birthdays.

- 2 ~ Bonnie Almond, Lucy Marshall
- 3 ~ Mariah Arndt, Naomi Bremer, Jacob Heinrich, Mitch Nelson
- 4 ~ Michael Rosenow
- 5 ~ Rayden Miller, Lynn Teufert
- 6 ~ Don Nelson, Ryan Zelenka
- 7 ~ Marcus Lindholm, Larry Martinson, Jim Peterson
- 10 ~ Liam O'Grady
- 11 ~ Sue Bremer, Dave Johnston, Erica Munsch
- 12 ~ Will Laughton<mark>, Debbie Moe, Paul Rhoda,</mark> Jackie Spaulding
- 13 ~ Hollie McFarlin, David Nelson
- 15 ~ Nancy Sweet
- 16 ~ Jeff Grunenwald, Amber Hennessey, Haley Slough

- : 17 ~ Pat True
- : 19 ~ Camilla Lindholm, Faith Rhoda
- 20 ~ Brian Forsberg, Michael Miller, Mollie Nelson
- 21 ~ Cheryl Macejkovic, Dawn Verdon
- 23 ~ Bill Bailey, Darbie Pulak, Kay Theien
- 24 ~ Christian Kotchikian, Luke O'Grady
- 25 ~ Luke Olson, Steve Oslos
- 26 ~ Jessica Macejkovic, Trond Sjoberg
- 27 ~ DJ Janssen
- 28 ~ Abby Holloway, Brenda Jonak
- 29 ~ Lannell Farmer, Jack Gubrud
- 31 ~ Jim Finch, Alex McFarlin, Norris Peterson

We continue to update our contact information. If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please let the office know at 829-3330 or office@belcnet.net.

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July Worship Assistants

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Greeters:	Sundays at 9:00 am 7/2: Deb Steuck 7/9: Cathie and Nick Benson 7/16: Carolyn and Jim Cole	7/23: Bev Gotti 7/30: Bonnie and Steve Almond					
Ushers:	7/2: Jen and Joe Lindholm 7/9: Joan Rosenow 7/16: Becky and Dave Meyer	7/23: JoAnn and John Rehberger 7/30: JoAnn and John Rehberger					
Readers:	7/2: Deb Steuck 7/9: Rebecca Timmins 7/16: Jen Lindholm	7/23: Bev Gotti 7/30: Bonnie Almond					
Communion Preparation:	7/2: Shelly Birchem, Sasha Burgstaler 7/16: Jen Lindholm, Jackie Nornes						
Communion Servers:	7/2: Deb Steuck, Bonnie and Steve Almond 7/16: Jen Lindholm, 2 more needed						
Sound:	7/2: Todd Person 7/9: Turner Person 7/16: Todd Person	7/23: Jerry DeChaine 7/30: Todd Person					
Video:	7/2: Tonya Person 7/9: Tonya Person 7/16: Tonya Person	7/23: Krystal DeChaine 7/30: Tonya Person					
Assisting Minister:	7/2: Jackie Nornes 7/9: none 7/16: Jackie Nornes	7/23: Pam Stock 7/30: Pam Stock					
Treats:	7/2: Karen Rosenow 7/9: still needed 7/16: still needed	7/23: still needed 7/30: still needed					
Flowers:	7/2: still needed 7/9: Yvonne Kalahar 7/16: still needed	7/23: still needed 7/30: Larry and Natalie Embertson					
Musical Offering:	7/2: Jackie Nornes 7/9: BOW Team 7/16: still needed	7/23: Rebecca Timmins 7/30: still needed					
Wednesday, July 12 6:20 pm	Greeters: still needed Ushers: still needed						
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



If you would rather receive this newsletter by email or would like to stop receiving it, please let us know.

Please let the church office know if you will be stopping your mail service for an extended period of time so we do not send you any publications. Thank you.



Get updates, share pictures and RSVP for events on our Facebook page... www.facebook.com/bethlehem.brainerd

Our Mission Statement

We are called into compassionate community by the Holy Spirit through the confession of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to publicly confess the faith of the Triune God in, under, and with our daily callings in the community of God's world.

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